

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated April 8, 2004. Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time for responding to the outstanding Office Action. The time for response is thus extended up to and including August 9, 2004. Please charge the associated Petition fee of \$110, as well as any other fees that may be necessary, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Claims 1-6 and 8-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a continuing application.

Claim 7 has been amended to recast in independent form.

The Examiner objected to the title as being "imprecise". The title has been amended to "Power Management System Including a Power Controller". If this title is unacceptable to the Examiner, the Examiner is requested to suggest an acceptable title. MPEP 606.01 states, "If a satisfactory title is not supplied by the applicant, the examiner may, at the time of allowance, change the title by examiner's amendment."

Claims 1, 7, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 1, 9, and 10 have been canceled. Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form and has been amended. Therefore, the rejection has been rendered moot.

Claim 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith (US Pat.

PATENT APPLICATION
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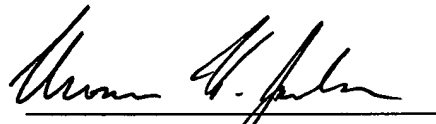
No 5,167,024). Claims 9-12 have been canceled. The rejection is moot.

Claims 1-6, 8, and 13-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of Ewing (US Pat. No. 5,949,974). Claims 1-6, 8, and 13-20 have been canceled. The rejection is moot.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Specifically, claim 7 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 7 has been written in independent form. Therefore, claim 7 is allowable.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance are respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would be helpful in facilitating prosecution of the case, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney of record to discuss the application.

Respectfully submitted,


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